

## **FCC REPORTS NETWORK NEWS 6:30 OCTOBER 15-31 PART 2**

**10/16/09**

### **IMMIGRANT ENFORCEMENT**

**LOURDES DEL RIO. WASHINGTON, DC**

**PKG 2:20**

The Homeland Security Department says it has completed agreements with 55 state and law enforcement agencies to help arrest and deport immigration violators. But one of those agreements would limit Maricopa County, Ariz., Sheriff Joe Arpaio and his deputies to checking only the immigration status of jail inmates. Arpaio is the subject of a Justice Department investigation triggered by complaints of racial profiling. Arpaio denies the allegations. Immigration and Customs Enforcement operates the controversial program. The Obama administration altered it after complaints of abuses and mismanagement. Six agencies did not renew the agreements after the changes.

### **MORE DEADS FOR FLU**

**BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ. NEW YORK**

**PKG 1:49**

The swine flu is causing an unprecedented amount of illness for so early in the fall -- and federal health officials said Friday that 11 more children have died in the past week. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says about half of the child deaths since September have been among teenagers. And overall for the country, deaths from pneumonia and flu-like illnesses have passed what CDC considers an epidemic level. About 6 percent of all doctor visits are for flu-like illnesses, levels not normally seen until later in the fall. Also the vaccination has been slow because the production of so many takes time.

### **FORECLOSURES AND CENSUS**

**JAIME GARCIA. LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

**PKG 2:01**

The Census Bureau director says foreclosures will make it tougher and more expensive to get an accurate count of families next year. Director Robert Groves said Tuesday in Los Angeles that he expects some questionnaires will land at empty homes in areas hard hit by the housing crisis. That means workers will need to make more door-to-door visits, which costs more money. Groves also says his agency will need to focus on reaching out to people who are newly homeless and to families who have doubled up with relatives until they can get back on their feet. Groves says the Census Bureau will address the problem by mailing replacement forms, using a shorter questionnaire and sending bilingual forms to some areas.

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**6:30 & 11:30 SHOW**

### **H1N1 NO TOUCHING**

**BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ. NEW YORK**

**PKG 2:24**

Hospitals, churches, firehouses and even taxi companies are loading up on hand sanitizer, changing behavior and taking other steps to prevent the spread of swine flu. Bottles of hand sanitizer are within sight of passengers in all 16 taxis operated by Yellow Cab of Iowa City. When people filed into Church of Our Saviour on Sunday in Cocoa Beach, Fla., they bumped fists with priest Sean Heslin instead of shaking hands. Many workplaces and other spots where people gather urge hand-sanitizer use and frequent hand washing.

### **OBAMA HEALTHCARE**

**VO: 20**

President Barack Obama is pushing back against critics of his health care plan. In his weekly radio and Internet address, Obama warns that costs will continue to rise and eventually devastate the U.S. economy without reform. Earlier this week, the health insurance industry released a study claiming that the bill passed by the Senate Finance Committee would raise premiums for millions of people who already have health coverage. Obama says the report is "designed to mislead the American people" and accused the industry of "filling the airwaves with deceptive and dishonest ads"

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**10/18/09**

**6:30 & 11:30 SHOW**

**OBAMA HEALTH****VO: 21**

Top White House advisers Valerie Jarrett and David Axelrod are saying President Barack Obama still believes a government-run health care option would best meet his reform goals. But they say he's not demanding that it be in the overhaul legislation. The White House and lawmakers are trying to blend five versions of health care legislation into something that will pass Congress. But the House and Senate are deeply at odds over the "public option" idea. Jarrett says Obama believes the public plan is still the "best possible choice," but he's not demanding it. Axelrod says opposition by both Republicans and some Democrats to the idea means "we have to work through these issues."

**FAKE FLU DRUGS****VO: 21**

A New York congressman has issued a warning about con artists selling fake flu drugs online. Democrat Anthony Weiner says people may be so worried about the swine flu outbreak and what officials say is a temporary vaccine shortage, that they'll take a risk buying drugs online without thinking about it. He says his office easily found sites selling fake flu drugs. Weiner says FDA investigators saw some that turned out to be acetaminophen, the active ingredient in the over-the-counter pain killer Tylenol. Weiner says buyers need to be sure an online site is legitimate and requires a prescription.

**NM DRIVER THRU VACCINE****VO: 24**

Concern about H1N1 flu may be taking over the minds of many, but the seasonal flu can be very serious and deadly as well. To keep New Mexicans healthy, U-N-M Health Services is offering free flu shots at clinics each weekend from now until Thanksgiving time. Plenty of people took advantage without leaving the comfort of their cars. Directing the heavy flow of traffic at the U-N-M drive-thru flu clinic is a busy job. As car after car drove up, nurses worked efficiently, vaccinating as many people as possible. Drive-thru clinics are great for people who have trouble getting around. Hospital officials advise getting your shot as soon as possible.

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**10/19/09**

**H1N1 LATEST****FERNANDO PIZARRO / WASHINGTON, DC****PKG 1:49**

The pandemic H1N1 flu virus was confirmed for the first time Monday in a U.S. hog, which was exhibited at the Minnesota State Fair where four teenagers became sick, the Agriculture Department said Monday. USDA said the discovery does not suggest infection of commercial pig

herds raised for slaughter. Health officials say the virus, originally known as swine flu, is not linked to meat products.

#### **OPERATION STREAMLINE**

**VO :20**

Victims of immigration raids held a news conference to report what they call the abusive treatment of victims who were arrested under the Operation Streamline Program, which orders criminal charges against anyone who crosses the border without proper documents.

#### **MORTGAGE HELP**

**VO :20**

Home buyers, as well as renters, could benefit from a program being unveiled today by the Obama administration. Officials say the goal is to provide hundreds of thousands of affordable mortgages for working families, and to allow the development or rehabilitation of tens of thousands of affordable rental properties. The program will operate under a law passed last year to bolster the housing industry. It will feature two parts -- a new bond purchase program to support new lending by housing finance agencies and a temporary credit and liquidity program to improve access by housing agencies to credit sources for their existing bonds.

**10/20/09**

#### **HEALTHCARE POLL**

**LOURDES MELUZA / WASHINGTON, DC**

**PKG 2:03**

A new poll suggests more and more Americans are worried about losing their current health care coverage. As the health care debate nears the floor of the Senate, the poll from the nonpartisan Robert Wood Johnson Foundation finds conflicting views on whether an overhaul will help, make things worse or do nothing. The September poll also finds Americans are following the health care debate in Congress. About one-third of respondents say they're worried about losing current coverage in the next 12 months. That's a slight increase from 29 percent in August.

#### **OBAMA SMALL BUSINESSES**

**BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ / NEW YORK**

**PKG 2:09**

President Barack Obama is expected to announce a series of initiatives Wednesday aimed at boosting credit to small businesses, an administration official said, as the White House tries to address a thorny problem which many believe is a continuing drag on the economy. The White House will move to increase the caps on existing Small Business Administration loans. It will also include measures to make it easier for small banks to access funds from the Troubled Asset Relief Program. The Obama administration has struggled to figure out what to do for small businesses and has spent months trying to get its initial program off of the ground.

#### **IMMIGRATION LAWSUIT**

**LOURDES DEL RIO / MIAMI, FL**

**PKG 2:34**

A Miami lawyer will be filing a lawsuit against Immigration because they deported the husband of one of his clients that was here under TPS. ICE deported him because he had a previous order of deportation but the lawyer says that they have made a mistake and that is why they are suing.

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**10/21/09**

#### **CANCER SOCIETY HAS CONCERN ON SCREENINGS**

**LOURDES DEL RIO. MIAMI, FLORIDA**

**PKG 1:54**

It is quietly working on a message, to put on its Web site early next year, to emphasize that screening for breast and prostate cancer and certain other cancers can come with a real risk of over treating many small cancers while missing cancers that are deadly. Prostate cancer screening has long been problematic. The cancer society, which with more than two million volunteers is one of the nation's largest voluntary health agencies, does not advocate testing for all men.

**SMALL BUSINESS BAILOUT**  
**LOURDES MELUZA. VIRGINIA**  
**PKG 2:04**

President Barack Obama is set to unveil plans to refocus spending of the government's \$700 billion financial bailout away from big financial institutions and toward small businesses. The White House says the initiatives will make it easier for smaller community banks to provide credit to small businesses, which have been hard-hit by the financial crisis. The president's plan also includes a request that Congress increase caps for existing Small Business Administration loans.

**H1N1 LATEST**  
**JAIME GARCIA. LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**  
**PKG 2:14**

New numbers from the government say that young people, age 24 and under, have been hit the hardest by the H1N1 virus, and doubts and fears abound as we head into flu season. Is the U.S. prepared for a potential outbreak? On Wednesday morning members of the Obama administration head to Capitol Hill to help set the record straight. Education Secretary Arne Duncan, Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano and Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius are among those set to testify.

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**10/22/09**

**H1N1 VACCINES**  
**JAIMA GARCIA. LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**  
**PKG 2:15**

As the H1N1 virus continues to spread nationwide, a majority of those surveyed -- 52 percent -- now say they are "a great deal" or "somewhat" worried that they or someone in their household will be infected with it, up from 39 percent of those polled in August. Concern is rising fastest among young adults, one of the groups most vulnerable to the virus. In August, just 26 percent of those ages 18 to 29 said they were concerned; now 47 percent are worried. At the same time, however, many Americans are hesitant about being vaccinated or having their children inoculated. More than six in 10 say they will not get vaccinated, and only 52 percent of parents say they plan to have their children vaccinated, even though parents tend to be more worried about the flu.

**EXECUTIVES CUT PAY**  
**BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ. NEW YORK**  
**PKG 1:54**

The Obama administration plans to order companies that received huge government bailouts last year to sharply cut the compensation of their highest paid executives, According to a person familiar with the decision. The seven companies that received the most assistance will have to cut the annual salaries of their 25 highest-paid executive by an average of about 90 percent from last year, said the person, who spoke on condition of anonymity because it has not been announced. This person said Wednesday that the Treasury Department will announce the deep pay cuts within the next few days.

**GAYS ADDED TO HATE CRIME**

**VO :20**

Gays who are physically assaulted because of their sexual orientation receive new federal hate crime protections under legislation heading for President Barack Obama's signature. With a Senate vote on Thursday, Congress has approved a measure that expands current law to include crimes based on gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or disability. That's one of the most significant expansions of the law since it was enacted after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. in 1968.

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**10/23/09**

**HATE CRIME LEGISLATION**

**LOURDES MELUZA. WASHINGTON, DC**

**PKG :22**

Legislation that would extend hate-crimes protection to gays and lesbians cleared the U.S. Congress Thursday as part of a compromise bill that sets the Pentagon's budget. The bill now heads to the White House, where President Obama will sign it into law or reject it because it approves weapons systems that the Pentagon does not want. It passed the Senate by a vote of 68 to 29. The House approved it on Oct. 8.

**HEALTH CARE PUBLIC OPTION**

**LUIS MEGID. SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA**

**PKG 1:53**

In pushing to include a government-run health insurance plan in the health care bill, the Senate majority leader, Harry Reid, is taking a calculated gamble that the 60 members of his caucus could support the plan if it included a way for states to opt out. Mr. Reid met with President Obama at the White House Thursday to inform him of his inclination to add the public option to the bill, but did not specifically ask the president to endorse that approach, a Democratic aide said. Mr. Obama asked questions, but did not express a preference at the meeting, a White House official said.

**FREE SWINE FLU VACCINE**

**JAIME GARCIA. LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

**PKG 2:02**

Los Angeles County will open the first in a series of swine flu vaccination clinics today, offering free shots to high-risk residents without insurance or a regular source of health care. Fielding has urged residents, especially pregnant women and children, to seek vaccinations from clinics or their doctor. Increasing amounts of H1N1 vaccine are expected to arrive in Los Angeles County on a weekly basis. Public Health's vaccine clinics will provide vaccine free of charge to residents in the H1N1 vaccine priority groups who do not have health insurance or a regular source of health care.

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**10/24/09**

**OBAMA SWINE FLU EMERGENCY**

**ENRIQUE TEUTALO. IN HOUSE**

**PKG 1:15 & VO :22**

President Barack Obama is making what administration officials are describing as a pre-emptive move against the swine flu. He's declaring the pandemic a national emergency, in an effort to speed treatment to thousands of infected people. Administration officials say the effort is designed to make decisions easier when they need to be made. The declaration authorizes Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius to bypass federal rules when opening offsite hospital centers. And hospitals could change patient rules to allow them faster access to

treatment, with government approval. Obama says the months-old outbreak which has killed more than 1,000 in the U.S. continues to evolve. And, with the rates of illness rising rapidly, he says there's a potential to "overburden health care resources."

## **FORECLOSURES**

**BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ. NEW YORK**

**PKG 2:20**

The first night after she surrendered her house to foreclosure, Sheri West endured the darkness in her Hyundai sedan. She parked in her old driveway, with her flower-print dresses and hats piled in boxes on the back seat, and three cherished houseplants on the floor. She used her backyard as a restroom. The second night, she stayed with a friend, and so it continued for more than a year: Ms. West - mother of three grown children, grandmother to six and great-grandmother to one - passed months on the couches of friends and relatives, and in the front seat of her car. But this fall, she exhausted all options. She had once owned and overseen a group home for homeless people. Now, she succumbed to that status herself, checking in to a shelter.

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**10/26/09**

## **EMERGENCY H1N1**

**PKG 2:00**

**JAIME GARCIA- LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

Despite long lines and limited supplies of the H1N1 flu vaccine, U.S. efforts against the disease are not too late, Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius said Monday. Sebelius acknowledged frustrating waits to get the vaccine, but said some 16.5 million doses are now being made available, with efforts to get more.

## **NEW JOBS**

**PKG 2:15**

**BLANCA R. VILCHEZ- NUEVA YORK**

An economic survey out Monday provides fresh evidence that a fitful recovery is underway as customer demand grows in the third quarter for the first time in more than a year and the jobs outlook brightens a bit. For the first time since the recession began, the portion of companies planning to add employees in the next six months outnumbered those expecting to cut jobs, according to this month's quarterly survey of economists at 78 firms by the National Association for Business Economics.

## **UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

**VO: 25**

Senate Democrats are trying again this week to extend unemployment benefits. Democrats are pushing a bill that would extend expiring benefits for 14 weeks in all states and an extra six weeks in states where unemployment is above 8 1/2 percent. Unhappy with how Democrats' planned to pay for the extended benefits, Republicans refused to let the benefits extension move ahead via unanimous consent.

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**10/27/09**

## **H1N1 VACCINE**

**PKG 2:21**

**LOURDES MELUZA- WASHINGTON, DC**

In a dramatic sign of Democrats' growing confidence that they have the votes to pass a far-reaching healthcare overhaul, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.) said Monday that the bill he intended to send to the Senate floor next month would include a "public option." The

provision would allow the federal government to create an insurance plan to be offered to Americans who do not get medical coverage through their employers -- with the proviso that states could opt out of the program.

## **FLU PUSHING HOSPITALS**

**PKG 2:00**

**BLANCA R. VILCHEZ- NUEVA YORK**

One scenario by the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology forecasts that if 30% of the U.S. population contracts H1N1 flu, 90 million could get sick, 1.8 million would be hospitalized and 30,000 or more would die. The Trust for America's Health, a non-profit public-health advocacy group, reported in early October that if the infection rate hits 35%, many states may run out of hospital beds, forcing hospitals to begin canceling elective procedures. So far, hospitals have been taxed - but not to that degree.

## **IMMIGRANT'S RIGHTS**

**PKG 2:00**

**JAIME GARCIA**

Workplace immigration raids during the Bush administration interfered with ongoing labor investigations and allowed employers to exploit workers who complained about conditions on the job, labor groups said in a report released Tuesday. The stepped-up immigration enforcement came at the expense of rigorous enforcement of labor protections that are guaranteed to all workers regardless of immigration status, the groups said.

## **HOME PRICES REBOUNDED**

**LUIS MEGID- SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA**

**PKG 2:00**

Home prices rose for the third straight month in August, a key ingredient for a broad and sustained housing recovery. The Standard & Poor's/Case-Shiller home price index of 20 major cities climbed 1 percent from July to a seasonally adjusted reading of 144.5. While prices are down 11.4 percent from August a year ago, the annual declines have slowed since February.

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**10/28/09**

## **IMMIGRATION ID CARDS SUIT**

**VO :26**

Ten Connecticut residents have filed a lawsuit accusing federal authorities of violating their rights by conducting an immigration raid in retaliation for a New Haven program that provided identification cards to foreigners in the country illegally. The sweeps in New Haven on June 6, 2007, came two days after the city approved issuing ID cards to all city residents, regardless of immigration status. Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials deny the early-morning raids were retaliatory, saying planning began the year before.

## **OBAMA HATE CRIME**

**VO :11**

The White House just announced that President Obama will hold two White House ceremonies tomorrow on the new defense authorization bill. After a signing ceremony for the \$680 billion defense spending plan, Obama hosts a second event on a new law attached to that bill: The Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act. The act makes it a federal crime to assault someone because of their sexual orientation, disability or gender identity. It is named for the victims of two horrific crimes in 1998: Matthew Shepard, a gay teenager from Wyoming who was beaten to death; and James Byrd, Jr., a black man from Texas who was tied to a pick-up truck and dragged to death.

## **SWINE FLU SCHOOL CLOSED**

**VO :11**

Across the country schools are closing by the dozen as officials say they're being hit so hard by swine flu that they feel shutting down for a few days is the only feasible option. The U.S. Education Department says at least 351 schools were closed last week alone -- affecting 126,000 students in 19 states. So far this school year, about 600 total schools have temporarily closed. The number of closures this year appears on target to surpass the roughly 700 schools closed last spring when the swine flu outbreak first hit. Flu season hasn't peaked yet, and each day more schools are closing.

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**10/29/09**

## **ECONOMY GROWS LATEST**

**BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ, NEW YORK**

**PKG 2:28**

Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner said he sees positive signs that the economy is recovering, although the recession remains "alive and acute" for families dealing with unemployment and facing home foreclosure. In testimony before the House Financial Services Committee, Geithner said that Americans were saving much more and borrowing less from the rest of the world. The economy grew at an annual rate of 3.5 percent in the third quarter of this year, the strongest rate of growth seen in two years.

## **HOUSE HEALTH BILL**

**LOURDES MELUZA, WASHINGTON, DC**

**PKG 2:18**

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi will unveil a health-care reform bill on Thursday that includes a government insurance option and a historic expansion of Medicaid, although sticking points in the legislation involving abortion and immigration remain unresolved. Senior Democratic House aides said the bill would likely include a version of the "public option" preferred by moderates and may raise Medicaid eligibility levels to 150 percent of the federal poverty level for all adults, a steeper increase than in earlier drafts.

## **ID IMMIGRANTS**

**VO :20**

Ten New Haven residents filed a lawsuit Wednesday accusing federal agents of violating their rights during an immigration raid they say was in retaliation for a city program that provided ID cards to foreigners in the country illegally -- the first of its kind in the nation. The sweeps in New Haven on June 6, 2007, came two days after the city approved issuing identification cards to all of its residents, regardless of immigration status. Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials have denied that the early morning raids were retaliatory, saying planning began the year before.

## **H1N1: 6 MILLION CASES**

**JAIME GARCIA, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

**PKG 2:07**

Health officials think that as many as 5.7 million Americans were infected with swine flu during the first few months of the pandemic. Scientists at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimate that between 1.8 million and 5.7 million Americans were infected from April through July. The estimate is the CDC's most specific calculation to date. Officials had simply been saying millions have been infected. The estimate is in an article in a CDC publication called Emerging Infectious Diseases.



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**10/30/09**

**STIMULUS JOBS**

**LUIS MEGID. SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA**

**PKG 1:57**

About 650,000 jobs have been saved or created under President Barack Obama's economic stimulus plan, the White House said Friday, saying the president's goal of 3.5 million jobs by the end of next year is on track. New job numbers from businesses, contractors, state and local governments, nonprofit groups and universities were scheduled to be released publicly later Friday. White House economic adviser Jared Bernstein said the figures will show that, when adding in jobs linked to \$288 billion in tax cuts, the stimulus plan has created or saved more than 1 million jobs.

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**10/31/09**

**H1N1 VACCINES**

**VO: 20**

Five drug companies are now increasing production of the vaccine for the H1N1 swine flu, and 10 million more doses are expected next week, Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius said Saturday.

**VACCINES FOR KIDS**

**BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ- NUEVA YORK**

**PKG 2:16**

Vaccinations will continue at participating elementary schools for about eight weeks. Non-public schools that choose to participate in the city's H1N1 vaccination program will also receive doses during this period. In addition, weekend vaccination sites for middle-school and high-school students will be held in each borough in November.

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME**

**VO: 15**

Say goodbye to the extra hour of evening daylight. The official change to standard time occurs at 2 a.m. Sunday, though most folks will change their clocks Saturday night and get an extra hour of sleep.

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